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Column One
BY David Courtney

ONE of the two main problems before Geneva is Indo-China. The other is Korea. But when the papers have been put back into the brief cases and the delegations have sped home from the Palais des Nations, it may then be realized that the big problem at Geneva has been France; and not merely France as a colonial Power but France as a great Power. Many influential Americans have been reluctant for some time now to give France the status and consideration of a great Power. They have tolerated her as one of the West's "Big Three" because of North Africa, South-East Asia and the assumption that sooner or later France would be compelled to accept the responsibilities of E.D.C.

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BUT E.D.C., in spite of the reported Saar agreement between Paris and Bonn, seems no closer than it was. For one thing, Saar agreement was "on principle" and there is no guessing what either the Bundestag or the National Assembly will say about it when the time comes to reveal the principle agreed upon. It is fairly evident that the Laniel Government is nervous on this question and therefore far from confident about its being able to push E.D.C. through before the Americans finally lose patience. For they are very close to losing it now. Dien Bien Phu pushed them even closer than they were before, not so much because the battle was lost as because, in Washington's opinion, it need not have been lost. Good generalship in Indo-China and stable and responsible political direction in Paris could have won at Dien Bien Phu; and above all, stable and responsible political direction, the absence of which, say the American critics, is also the cause of French shilly-shally over E.D.C.

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FRANCE's position in Europe, in South-East Asia and in North Africa has been allowed to become ambiguous. The collapse of the wartime alliance and the division of the Powers that had beaten Germany into East and West, with an iron curtain between, placed on France heavy burdens before she had had time to recover from the physical and moral wounds of the war. If she had had the good sense to follow, in Indo-China, the lead given by Britain in India and Ceylon, Dien Bien Phu and Geneva would have been avoided. But the strain upon her Parliamentary institutions as well as upon her economy, and the attempt to sustain great Power status upon disintegrating foundations, and without as much support and sympathy from her western allies as she had a right to expect, left little room for common sense.

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THE two-day debate on Indo-China which begins in the National Assembly tomorrow is unlikely to make matters any better and may serve only to complicate them: to add bitterness to the bitter story of General Navarre's campaign and embarrassment to the embarrassing account of M. Bidault's efforts at Geneva. How much of the report given to the Prime Minister and the National Defence Committee by the Chief of Staff, General Ely, who returned last week from Indo-China, will be revealed to the Assembly, no one can tell.

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"REVELATIONS" will not add to French prestige in Washington, where the tendency to "agonizing reappraisals" is strong. And if, as the newspapers report, the situation in Morocco is worsening, M. Laniel's Government may soon have a second crisis on its hands. The strain may be too much for it; and a Government crisis added to the crises of Indo-China and Morocco may in turn prolong the misery of E.D.C. These are all heartbreaking problems, which in sum make up the problem of France's rank and influence in a world that shrinks in true values with the shrinkage of France.

Jerusalem, May 31.

Gas Prices Up, Bus Co-ops Ask For 'Refund'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Effects of the rise in fuel prices have already become apparent to consumers, though the full impact will not be felt for some time to come.

The three domestic gas companies, Amisragas, Butagas and Supergas, raised the price of their filled cylinders by 22% yesterday. The oil companies supplying the three firms with the gas have raised their prices.

The management of Eshed met in Tel Aviv yesterday and resolved to press for a "refund" from the Government of the two recent increases in the cost of petrol. It claims a "refund" rather than a fare rise, since a rise would be unpopular with the travelling public.

The busmen claim that if fares are to go up, they have to be raised by five per cent to offset the 16% rise in the cost of petrol last February and the new 12% increase. The first rise came immediately after the 20% fare increase and the bus companies claim that they were told by the Ministry of Communications that no further rises were planned. Eshed claims that the new petrol price means spending IL.45,000 more a month, and Dan IL.25,000.

Haulage Not Rising

The Haulage Workers' Union announced that it is not considering changing its prices just now. The spokesman of the Union said that they still hoped to come to terms with the Government for the payment of haulage rates based on a new scale. The spokesman said that although the average cost of moving a ton of goods from Tel Aviv to Haifa was IL.5.650, the Government paid only IL.4.560. The Union calculated that the new petrol prices added 125 pruta (or two per cent) to the cost of transporting a ton of goods over 100 kilometres.

The Taxi Drivers' Association is expected to meet today to decide whether to raise its prices. Most drivers are reported to oppose an increase, since business is slack in any case. The inter-urban taxi services said their prices would stay put.

Industry's Prospects

Our Haifa correspondent writes that the prospect of the abolition of subsidies has suddenly confronted industry with the prospect of higher production and transport costs at a time when the local market is contracting and manufacturers are hard put to remain competitive in the overseas market.

The largest fuel consumers in Haifa are the Palestine Electric Corporation (fuel accounts for 40% of the production cost of electricity), the Nesher cement works and the Railways. Shipping will not be affected since their fuel purchases have been calculated on the IL.1.800=$1 basis since January and since much of their fuel is bought abroad where it is cheaper. Fishermen estimate the additional fuel costs at IL.15 per ton of fish.

The extent of the change in the domestic consumer's electric bill will depend on the outcome of negotiations between the Government and the Palestine Electric Corporation. The talks await the return from abroad of the company's managing director, Mr. A. Rutenberg.

(Leader, p. 4)

300TH ANNIVERSARY

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov today took the salute at a parade here on the 300th anniversary of the Ukraine's union with Russia.

Pakistan Ousts Entire East Bengal Ministry

KARACHI, Sunday. — The Government of Pakistan today dismissed the United Front Ministry of troubled East Bengal, and troops were reported to be patrolling the province's main towns.

The Government gave supreme power in the territory to General Iskaver Mirza, Pakistan Defence Secretary, who was sworn in as Governor tonight, succeeding Chaudry Khaliquzaman.

Mirza has a reputation as a "strong man."

The Government charged that the six-week-old provincial Ministry had failed to maintain law and order, and that its chief Minister, Fazlul Huq, had made "treasonable utterances."

In a 30-minute broadcast to the nation tonight, Prime Minister Mohammed Ali said that the Government's action in dismissing Huq's Ministry "is to save East Bengal and preserve the integrity of Pakistan." He called Fazlul Huq "a traitor to Pakistan."

All stated that the administration in East Bengal, where more than half of Pakistan's 76 million people live, had virtually broken down under the United Front Ministry. Disruptive forces were causing chaos, and Fazlul Huq was "not prepared to take action to meet the situation."

The Premier declared that two factors stood out clearly:

Disruptive forces

"First, there are disruptive forces and enemy agents actively at work in East Bengal to undermine the integrity of Pakistan by setting Moslem against Moslem, class against class and province against the centre. The means used for achieving their ultimate objective of disrupting Pakistan and taking over the province is to create confusion and economic chaos by sabotaging and destroying its industrial progress.

"The second factor of the situation is that Fazlul Huq and his colleagues are not prepared to take the action necessary to cope with this situation."

West Pakistan newspapers and organizations have been demanding the imposition of rule by Governor in East Pakistan since the Communist-fomented riots at the Adamjee jute mills in which 400 died in early May.

Huq's United Front Party replied, however, that "grave consequences" would follow such a move and possibly "civil war."

Mirza flew into the East Pakistan capital of Dacca today in the same plane with Huq following a week's consultations in Karachi between Central Government and East Pakistan officials.

Huq declined to comment on the switch. *(Reuter, UP)*

Cabinet Unit to Deal With M.D.'s Demands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The demands of the employed physicians, the inclusion of self-employed persons in the Reservists' Payment Equalization Fund, and the security of border settlements were among the subjects discussed at the weekly meeting of the Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Cabinet heard a report on negotiations with the representatives of the Medical Association in connection with the demands of the employed physicians, and assigned a ministerial committee to deal further with the question.

The committee has been given full authority to commit the Government, and its terms of reference have been considerably broadened. Previously, it dealt only with income tax exemptions.

It is expected that it will conclude its deliberations within the next few days, before the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, leaves for Geneva to attend the convention of the International Labour Organization. (The Medical Association has postponed its strike, originally scheduled to begin tomorrow, for one week.)

Approved in Principle

The Cabinet approved in principle a draft Bill for the inclusion of self-employed persons in the Reservists' Payment Equalization Fund. The Fund is now financed by employers' contributions of three-quarter of one per cent of their payroll. Employed persons who serve in the Reserves receive up to 80% of their pay (depending on their family status).

The new bill aims at extending the same benefits to self-employed persons. It will provide that they make payments to the Fund, similar to those now made by employers. Self-employed persons not liable for reserve duty will also be required to make such payments.

The Government spokesman would not elaborate on the announcement that the security position of border settlements had been discussed.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, reported on the effects of the increase in the price of fuel by the change in the exchange rate. It is probable that some industries will not feel the full effect of the price rise, since they will be directly subsidized by the Government, the spokesman said.

The Cabinet approved the general lines of the speech on employment problems which the Minister of Labour is to deliver in the Knesset today.

Cabinet Communique

The Cabinet communique said:

At its weekly session yesterday, the Cabinet heard the Minister of Finance discuss the effects of the change in fuel exchange rates.

The Cabinet confirmed in principle the Minister of Labour's report on employment matters which will be put before the Knesset.

A report was given on the negotiations regarding the physicians' demands and a ministerial committee was appointed to deal with the issues involved.

A proposal to include self-employed workers in the equalization fund for those serving in the Reserves was confirmed in principle.

The security of border settlements was discussed.

Mr. Z. Aranne, Minister without Portfolio, will act for the Minister of Labour during her absence from the country.

Atoms Could Blast Canal At Eilat—Hore-Belisha

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The same atomic force which destroyed an atoll in the Pacific Ocean could remove the high mountainous cordon between the Mediterranean Sea and the Gulf of Eilat to provide an alternative route to the Suez Canal, said Lord Leslie Hore-Belisha last night when he addressed a meeting of the Institute of Atomic Information for the Layman.

He suggested this alternative route as an application of atomic energy to daily life. He pointed out that a quarter of the oil supplies to Western Europe, including Britain's, comes from the Middle East, and 75 per cent of this moves through the Suez Canal. It is dangerous to rely on a single artery for such vital supplies, he added.

The proposed canal would roughly follow the line of the present Israel-Egypt border, cutting in from the southern end of the Gaza Strip to the port of Eilat.

Austria Agrees To Discuss Heirless Claim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — The Austrian Government has agreed that the Jewish Claims Conference demand for $12m. as restitution for Jewish heirless property in that country, will be discussed in the resumption of negotiations on June 1, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency in New York, said when he arrived here this morning for a two-week visit.

Dr. Goldmann regretted that he was unable to reach Geneva in time for a scheduled discussion with Mr. A. Gromyko, Soviet Deuty Foreign Minister, concerning Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to Israel.

PARTY TO MEET ON WAHRHAFTIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hapoel Hamizrahi's Political Committee is to meet with its Knesset Members in Jerusalem this morning to discuss action to be taken regarding the resignation of the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, and the Government statement regarding the search of the Mizrahi World Union offices.

Although the resignation of the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Zorach Warhaftig, has not been accepted by his Party, it has not been retracted.

The Religious Workers' group will also consider the results of the extraordinary Cabinet session last Wednesday, which do not satisfy the Party. The Cabinet announced at that time that the Mizrahi headquarters search had not been directed against the Party.

Hapoel Hamizrahi sources told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that they wished to know if investigations into other Parties — especially regarding transfer of funds — had been made, and if so, whether they had been concluded.

A leading figure in the Party, when asked how far his group was ready to go in backing up its demands, replied, "That will be decided at this meeting."

British Soldier Slain In Ismailia

ISMAILIA, Sunday (Reuter). — A crowd of Egyptians has murdered a British soldier in the outskirts of the Canal Zone town of Ismailia, a British military spokesman said tonight.

Nasser Takes Over Another Nagib Job

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser took over another of the functions of President Mohammed Nagib today in a quiet reshuffle of Egypt's only active political party, when he became the President of the Liberation Rally's new High Council.

The Government announcement of this change coincided with Britain's disclosure that 20 armed raiders had set fire to a British warehouse at Port Said in the Suez Canal zone early yesterday. A military spokesman said that damage was estimated at $1.1m.

This was the latest, and in terms of damage the biggest, of a growing number of incidents coinciding with Egyptian demands that Britain withdraw military forces from the strategic Canal Zone.

After overpowering native Egyptian guards, the 20 raiders set fire to the structures and fled with loot.

To Attend Asia Talks

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nasser has accepted an invitation relayed by General Abdul Kader, Indonesian Ambassador in Cairo to attend the proposed African-Asian conference in Indonesia, the date of which will be fixed later.

The Indonesian Ambassador added hat he was against the formation of any Islamic bloc until the Arab countries had obtained their independence.

He also opposed holding an Islamic conference in the Old City of Jerusalem "because Israel would exploit it."

Britain Won't Comment

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The War Office refused to comment today on reports that Gen. Sir Charles Keightley, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces, was in London to discuss the Suez Canal situation on a possible transfer of his headquarters to Cyprus.

"He is on a few days' leave, and that is all we can say," the spokesman added.

Infiltrators Enter No-Man's-Land

An Israel unit spotted a group of Jordanians who had entered the no-man's land in the Latrun area yesterday. The patrol opened fire and the infiltrators fled towards Jordan territory.

At 12.30 yesterday afternoon, there was an exchange of fire between an Israel patrol and a group of Arabs from the Gaza Strip. None of the patrol was injured. A U.N. observer has gone to the spot to investigate.

The Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission is meeting today to discuss an Egyptian complaint that an Israel force had penetrated into the Gaza Strip last week, according to NEABS.

The "Hutchison Commission" will also meet today to discuss a Jordan complaint against an alleged Israel attack on the village of Nahlat Issa in the "Little Triangle," the radio added.

Jordan, meanwhile, has lodged two more complaints with the Commission claiming that Israel troops had fired on Arab farmers in the Jenin area, and that Arab plantations in the Hebron area had been set on fire, Reuter reports.

The Jordan Government claims that the National Guard Commander at the village of Huwwara in the Nablus area had been shot more than 30 kms. from the nearest Israel border. Jordan also alleged that Israel guards on Mt. Scopus had opened fire on the Arab sections of Jerusalem.

Socialists In France Support European Army

PARIS, Sunday. — A special congress of the French Socialist Party today recommended by 1,989 votes to 1,215 that its parliamentary representatives should vote for the ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty.

The EDC, the resolution said, is "the only way of avoiding the reconstitution of an independent German army. It cannot have real significance unless there is "close British association, an American guarantee, and democratic control." These three prerequisites, the resolution continued, have now been met.

In Cologne, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer stated today that he believed France would ratify the European army treaty. "Europe is on the way," he said at the West German Christian Democratic Union's annual Congress.

The 1,700 delegates to the Congress expressed approval of Mr. Adenauer's "pro-Western, pro-European" foreign policy, including the arming of West Germany within a united Europe.

(UP, Reuter)

Belgrade Denies Trieste, Balkan Pact Linked

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). —Yugoslav officials here resent what they regard as an attempt to link the Trieste dispute with the coming talks between President Tito and Greek leaders in Athens.

President Tito is now on his way to Greece by sea for a four-day official visit, beginning on Wednesday. He and the Yugoslav Foreign Secretary, Koca Popovic, will discuss the formation of a Balkan military alliance while in Athens.

'Guardians of Israel' Buy $2m. Bonds

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The "Guardians of Israel," an organization composed of those who purchase at least $1,000 worth of Israel bonds during 1954, is meeting with "unparalleled" success across the entire nation, according to Judge Louis E. Levinthal, President of the group.

In the past two weeks, he said, 12 large rallies held in 12 cities, including New York were attended by more than 700 people who bought $2m. worth of Israel Development Bonds.

USSR Made Permanent Member of I.L.O.

GENEVA, Sunday (UP). — The governing body of the International Labour Organization decided today to add the Soviet Union, Western Germany and Japan to its list of 10 non-elective "permanent members."

The 40-man tripartite body (worker, employer and government) allots 10 permanent seats on the basis of the comparative industrial importance of its 66 member nations.

"FALASTIN" CRITICAL

Jordan made a great mistake by withdrawing from the Security Council, an action which will solely benefit Israel, according to an editorial today in "Falastin," Old City daily.

It charged Jordan's policy-makers with appearing before the world in a wrong light by not accompanying their decision to withdraw with any explanations, or positive and constructive suggestions.

CLASHES IN WEEK

There were nine armed clashes between infiltrators and Israel security forces during the week ending May 26, the Army spokesman announced. There were also various attempts by infiltrators to harvest grain in Israel territory during that time, the spokesman added.

French Minister For Indo-China Resigns

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The Minister for the Associated States of Indo-China, M. Marc Jacquet, resigned from the Government today. An announcement from Prime Minister Laniel's office said that the resignation had been accepted, but gave no reason for it.

In his letter, M. Jacquet, a Gaullist, denied that he had been the source for an article in the weekly "l'Express" on Thursday claiming to give the exact terms of a secret report on Indo-China.

The issue of the paper was seized by the police after publication of the article, and the editorial offices of "l'Express" were searched.

Letter Found

During the search, M. Jacquet said, a letter was found proving that he had agreed to the publication, in the form of articles, of opinions which were his at the time of publication. However, on February 26 he had issued a denial that an article which had then appeared in "l'Express" and claimed to give his views on a recent visit to Indo-China, were either his own personal opinions or those of the Government.

In his letter to M. Laniel, dated May 28, M. Jacquet wrote that he was resigning only because of this incident.

Unofficial quarters believed that M. Jacquet had resigned over differences with the Government's military and political policies in Indo-China. He is known to have disagreed with the Government policy on Indo-China on a number of occasions, and the fall of Dien Bien Phu is thought to have aggravated the differences.

Debate More Critical

His resignation makes the debate on Indo-China, which is due to open on Tuesday in the National Assembly, more critical from the Government's point of view.

Meanwhile, in Geneva, political problems have been temporarily set aside to enable detailed discussions of armistice terms to end the war in Indo-China. Many delegates believe that the decision to bring together the two warring commands will rescue the French Government from a defeat in the National Assembly debate.

The nine nations engaged in talks at Geneva are tomorrow expected to pass to problems of armistice control, international guarantees and other related subjects.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, left Geneva unexpectedly today for Moscow. A U.S. spokesman said later that Mr. Molotov had told the American delegation that he would be back on Tuesday.

Vietminh Lose Big Ammunition Dump

HANOI, Sunday (UP). — The French High Command announced today that 6,000 French troops supported by artillery and tanks have captured a major Vietminh ammunition dump, 65 kms. south of here.

The French mobile column struck hard at the Vietminh troops swarming around the southern Red River delta towns of Yen Phu and Phu Ly, as French planes hit at troops knifing toward the delta further north of Highway 41.

A military spokesman said that Gen. Henri Navarre, French Commander-in-Chief, intended "to defend the delta in its entirety" and stave off coming attacks at all points in the key area that is the richest prize in all Indo-China. He added that the Vietminh must attack within two weeks if they wish to avoid the rains which soon will flood rice paddies and hamper their movements.

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US SEEN CONSIDERING OWN FOREIGN LEGION

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Discussion on the possibility of an American Foreign Legion has been revived in Washington, Mr. Hanson Baldwin, military correspondent of "The New York Times," stated today.

Mr. Baldwin said that this resulted from the "ever-diminishing prospect" of a European Defence Community and the crisis in South-East Asia. The proposal had been voiced often since the end of the Second World War and had been advocated again recently by a number of army officers.

He added, "Proponents of this plan urge that the Legion be a component part of the armed forces, that enlistments be limited to able-bodied foreigners between 18 and 35 years and that it have European and Asiatic sections. Some of the non-coms and junior officers would be foreigners, some Americans; all the senior officers would be Americans."

Luxembourg Ruling Party Clear Winner

LUXEMBOURG, Sunday (Reuter). — Early unofficial results in the Luxembourg elections show a clear win for Mr. Joseph Bech's Catholic Party (Social-Christians), who held 21 of the 52 seats in the old House.

The Socialists, partners with the Catholics in the last Government coalition, who held 19 seats, have suffered a slight overall setback which may have lost them a seat to the Catholics.

Angry Parents Upset J'lem Council

The parents of 500 pupils from the Beri Katznelson School in the Mekor Baruch quarter in Jerusalem, invaded the Town Hall yesterday evening and prevented the Municipal Council from meeting until the question of sanitary conditions at the school was given priority on the agenda. There are only two lavatories for 500 boys and girls. In accordance with a Ministry of Health order to close the school, the parents kept their children from class yesterday. Posters displayed throughout the town explained why they had been forced to take this drastic action.

Two hours of political tirade elapsed before Mayor Kariv and the Coalition Councillors agreed to raise the issue in Council. Mothers with sleepy children crowding the corridor outside became upset as the coalition and opposition Councillors used the opportunity to attack each other.

Finally, the Parents' Committee spokesmen were allowed to make their plea before the Council. Two fathers and a mother demanded that the new school building which adjoins the temporary hutted school be completed immediately. Its three storeys have been roofless for a year, following Mayor Kariv's order to cease work until funds were forthcoming. The new premises have 18 W.C.'s which could be used after minor installations are made. The Parents' Committee accused the Mayor of deliberately delaying completion of the school, on party grounds; Mr. Kariv heads the Orthodox bloc while this school formerly belonged to the Labour Trend.

In the two-hour imbroglio which preceded a decision on completing the structure, the two divisions of the Council again exploited the episode by hurling insults at each other and the Mayor. Finally, the Council endorsed a Finance Committee vote of the previous week to pay the contractor IL.5,000 at once in order to finish the new sanitary installations. The Orthodox bloc insisted on making a sanction of further payments conditional upon equal consideration for the four Orthodox schools whose construction has stopped, pending the authorization of municipal funds.

Spritz is sweeping the country

A new custom comes to Israel. Instead of drinking soda with artificial syrup people now prefer "Mezeg" (Spritz) —

"Mezeg" — a healthy, refreshing drink contains pure red or white wine which is prepared especially for "Mezeg" by the Rishon-le-Zion and Zikhron Ya'acov cellars.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Sunday received Shoghi eff. Rabbani, World Head of the Bahai faith, and Mme Rabbani, and Mr. Leroy Ioas, Secretary General of the International Bahai Council.

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The Minister of Education and Culture, Professor B. Dinur, on Friday receive. M. Darius Milhaud, accompanied by Mr. A. Eser, Director of Tourism, and Mr. A. Avidon, Art Adviser of the Tourist Centre.

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Chief Rabbi Herzog received Mr. Frank Glenn, of Kansas City, on Saturday. Mr. Glenn brought the cordial greetings of Mr. Harry Truman, former President of the U.S.

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Messrs. Y. Bar Shira, Zvi Bar-Niv, Avigdor Bartal and Aharon Becker left by El Al yesterday to attend the international Labour Organization Conference in Geneva. Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour, who is to head the delegation, will join them shortly.

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Mr. Oscar Gass, head of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Staff, left by LAI yesterday on his way to the U.S. for a visit of several months.

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Mr. R. Ginthon of the Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs returned by LAI yesterday from Strasbourg where he had attended the conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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Colonel Henry Crown, of Chicago, Chairman of the Empire State Building Corp., Vice-President of the Hilton Hotels Corp. and Chairman of the Board of the Materials Service Corp., has left with Mrs. Crown after a tour of the country.

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Mr. Paul Torteller, cellist, arrived by El Al yesterday for a series of appearances with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

W. Europe Jewry Studying Hebrew

In spite of assimilationist tendencies, West European Jewry is showing a growing interest in Hebrew education, Mr. Bari Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, told the World Hebrew Union in Jerusalem on Friday. He noted especially the work of the Alliance Israelite in France.

The Agency's programme for spreading Hebrew education in the Diaspora has received help from an increased budget, which was more than IL.1m. last year, Mr. Locker said.

A FASHION show, sponsored by the Anti-Tuberculosis League, will be held tomorrow at the President Hotel in Jerusalem at 4 p.m. The country's leading fashion houses will participate.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Geula, 14, Geula, 6850; Zion, 80, Ussishkin, 5001.
TEL AVIV: Breiman, 56, Allenby, 63253; Hayarkon, 184, Ibn Gabirol; Nezah Yisrael, 11, Nezah Yisrael, 26442; Mossinsohn, 93, Ben-Yehuda, 22481; Hatikva, Hatikva Qr., 67404.
JAFFA: Teruia, 10, Rehov 4, 53321. **GIVATAYIM:** Brut, 7, Syrkin; **RAMAT GAN:** Levin, 38 Garin Hanegba Qr.
HAIFA: Hehaluts, 12, Hehaluts, Hader Hacarmel, 2962; Hagalil, 19, Allenby; **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Pentagon.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. A. Weigl, Beit Dikimini, Rassems, 61266; Dr. L. Romanov, 11, Arlosoroff, 61217; Y. Shore, 36, Bezalel.
HAIFA: Dr. Y. Eckstein, 13, Hashalom, 67453; Dr. F. Bilski, 7, Thud, 2139; Dr. N. Landau, 4, Mahanaim, 6833.

Press Review:

Gradual Lifting Of Subsidies Needed

The controversy on subsidies reached a new high yesterday with the abolition of the Government subsidy on fuel.

"Davar" (Histadrut) endorses the Finance Minister's grave step saying it was taken only after careful consideration, and should be followed by the planned gradual elimination of subsidies for food, fodder, medicaments, etc. The paper exhorts the Government to stand firm against the pressure of vested interests, which will try to boost prices far beyond the relatively small effect this step will have on prices.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) reacts to the Treasury's "rash step", exactly as expected by its coalition partner, and predicts serious economic repercussions, which are all the more regrettable since the price-freeze finally stopped the cost-of-living index from rising in April and the economic outlook improved somewhat. The paper does not trust the promise of Mr. P. Sapir, the Director General of the Finance Ministry, that the index will rise only by 1.7 points, and that the prices of services and goods concerned can be kept at their present level.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) also speaks out against the rise of fuel prices, which is not justified, since world market prices are falling and Israel can now buy fuel more cheaply from the Soviet Union.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) is not surprised that the enquiry committee on cartels has made no headway so far; cartels are part and parcel of the "free for all" capitalist economy and cannot be eliminated by legislation, but only by state planning and organizing production and distribution. This is quite possible in Israel, since most foreign currency is State-controlled, and there is a strong collective sector which can be called upon in this regard.

Constitutional Changes

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) commenting on the fact that the responsible Cabinet Ministers were kept in the dark about the actions of the Attorney General and the Police in the Lorincz and Beit Meir affairs respectively, makes some constitutional suggestions to avoid such an awkward situation in future. Either the Attorney General should be a Cabinet member, who bears full parliamentary responsibility, as in Great Britain, or the Minister of Justice should have effective control over his actions.

The paper reproaches the Cabinet majority for voting down the proposal of the Hapoel Hamizrahi Ministers, Messrs. Shapiro and Burg, to re-open all files that deal with the foreign currency transaction of the different parties and institutions. This refusal strengthens the suspicions that the recent affairs had a political background.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) feels that it is not enough to speak of political reasons. One must also consider the charges. The paper emphasizes that corruption greatly endangers the good name of our State, and warns against the facile consolation that such evil practices exist in every society. But "Zmanim" also raps the Attorney General and the Police for making such serious allegations without being positive of the proof.

"Haboker" says that Israel was not surprised at Jordan's latest affront to U.N. authority, and hopes that at last the powers will see who the aggressor is in this part of the world. "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) says that Jordan's refusal to take upon herself the obligations of the U.N. charter weakens the moral position of the Arabs. "Herut" on the other hand, asserts that Mr. Sharett's "peace policy" has suffered one more debacle, since the last arena in which Jordan and Israel were able to meet unarmed is now gone.

Humanitarian Campaign

In a second leader, the paper urges the Government to take active steps for the release and alija of the arrested Rumanian Jews. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) says that the campaign to liberate the Rumanian Jews is not hopeless, since there is reason to believe that world Jewry's outcry against the Prague and Moscow trials had some influence on the change of Soviet policy. The campaign should be carried out in the name of humanitarianism and carefully refrain from anti-Soviet propaganda.

Father Pleads For Daughter's Return

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — An application for the return of his daughter, Leah, aged 9, from her stepfather was filed in the District Court here today by Mr. Shabtai Goldstein of Acre, a labourer.

Mr. Goldstein claims that he married in Russia in 1944, and in March 1945 his daughter was born. Later, the family left Russia and wandered through Poland to Germany. There, his wife left him and went to live with Mr. Shlomo Luxemburg, taking the daughter with her.

Mr. Goldstein then received a divorce from his wife.

Immediately following his immigration here, he began searching for his ex-wife and his daughter. He learned that the former had died. All enquiries for his daughter, including broadcast messages, were in vain until, in 1953, he learned that she was living in Acre with her stepfather.

Mr. Luxemburg is said to have agreed to return the child against a payment of IL.3,000. As Mr. Goldstein claimed to be unable to pay such a sum, he appealed to the court.

S.E. Asia Finished With Colonialism

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Daniel Lewin, Head of the Asian Division of the Foreign Ministry, discussing the situation in South-East Asia, stated at a Mapai gathering in Jerusalem on Saturday that colonialism, in all its forms, was doomed in that region.

The speaker, who had recently returned from an extensive tour of that area, said that the hatred of colonialism was so strong and widespread that even in countries which had attained independence everything associated with the erstwhile colonial power was anathema.

He cited as an example the banning of the Dutch language in Indonesia. Dr. Lewin went on to say that nothing short of complete independence would induce the people there to consider any form of association with a Western power.

No Communist Danger

Dr. Lewin, who said he was expressing his personal opinion and not that of the Foreign Ministry, did not believe that there was a Communist danger to Asia. He explained that the form of Communism there was not identical with that in Russia and maintained that the people considered their internal form of government secondary to the cardinal task of stamping out all vestiges of European influence.

Speaking on Israel's relations with South-East Asia, Dr. Lewin pointed out that ignorance about Israel in that part of the world had rendered the people vulnerable to the incessant Arab propaganda depicting this country as a tool and spearhead of Western imperialism. He warned against the possibility that we might find ourselves isolated in Asia unless efforts were intensified to dispel this notion.

Request from India

Burma was the only country in the region whose friendship we had won and this was shown by the stand of the Burmese U.N. delegation.

In conclusion, Dr. Lewin revealed that he had been approached by a prominent Indian personality with a request to send agricultural experts to India, and he expressed the hope that this and similar steps might pave the way to a better understanding with that country, which wielded an immense influence on all its neighbours.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Lectures:—**
"Biosynthesis of Porphyrines," Prof. A. Neuberger, F.R.S., Director of Biological Dept., Medical Research Council of Great Britain; Hebrew University, Assembly Hall of Faculty of Science, 39 Rehov Mamillah, 6.15.
First of four lectures on "Development and Foreign Relations of Ancient Syro-Palestine Art," Prof. Helene Kantor of Chicago University's Oriental Institute; Hebrew University, Terra Sancta (Hall 23), 8.15 p.m.
First of two lectures on "Principles and Problems of Public Administration," Mr. James Marshall, Chairman, Board of American Friends of the Hebrew University; Hebrew University, Terra Sancta (Hall 31), 8.15 p.m.
"The Ministry of Agriculture" and "The Ministry of Health," Beit Shalom, Talbieh (near President Hotel), 8.15 p.m. Sponsored by League of University Women. Open to the public.

★ **Exhibitions:—**
"Small Greek Sculpture," oils and charcoal drawings by Litvinovsky, Exhibition for the Shavuot Festival. Exhibit of the Month: Historical Scene, 18th Century Venetian oil painting, National Museum, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.
Exhibition of paintings by Hanna Lerner and Wilhelm Schocken, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Department of Antiquities, Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba, Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Libraries:** —
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 2-6.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Paintings 1953/54 by Mokady, Modern Mexican Graphic Art, Early Mexican Art. Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Theatre:** —
"Pygmalion", Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

JAFFA

★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and Her Hussar," Jaffa-Or, 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Concert:** —
First Chamber Music Concert of the World Contemporary Music Festival — "Peer"— 9 p.m.

★ **Gramophone Recital:**—
Paganini: Violin Concerto; Smetana: Moldave—L.P. records — Pevsner House — 8 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Radley's Ice Revue, at "Ein David" Hall, at 6.15 and 9.15 p.m.

PARDESS HANNA

★ **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Escapade," 8 p.m.

EMEK HEFER

★ **Theatre:** —
"The Trouble Makers," Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

KFAR SZOLD

★ **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Most Cruel The King," 8 p.m. (Lehityashvut Ha'ovedet.)

Boy's Jail Term Upheld

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday upheld a sentence of one year in prison imposed by the Juvenile Court on a 15-year-old boy with a criminal record. The District Court considered the testimony of the directors of several institutions who claimed that the boy could not be kept in any of them. He will serve his sentence in the Ramle prison. *(Itim.)*

HOW TO AVOID ELECTROCUTION

The Palestine Electric Corporation, with the start of the irrigation season, has issued the following advice to agricultural workers:

1. Be on the lookout for electric wires where you are working.
2. Keep yourself and your tools away from electric wires.
3. Do not lift pipes or ladders near electric wires.
4. When moving pipes or ladders, keep them parallel to the ground.

To School in Eritrea

A teachers' seminar for Ethiopian Jews (Falashas) which was initiated in Eritrea last year by the Torah Education Department of the World Zionist Organization, now has 22 students, the Jewish Agency has announced.

A recent meeting of 400 Falashas, decided on the construction of two schools in separate villages. Graduates of the teachers' seminary will serve as teachers. The schools will be supported by local funds.

At the Cinema

FULL of nostalgia and good-natured digs at the good old Roaring Twenties, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" (Ziot, J'lem) is a bewitching screenization of Anita Loos' story about the transatlantic trip of a Broadway vaudeville starlet. We were charmed by the acting of Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell, and Charles Coburn made an ideal sugar-daddy.

The all-male Olympic ensemble — quite characteristic of certain trends of the contemporary American stage — that accompanies Jane Russell aboard the "Ile de France", the enchanting Paris street scene in which our two girls sing "When Love Goes Wrong" with two little Arab boys; and "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friends," sung and brilliantly danced after the court scene (in which Marcel Dalio is the lovable judge) are only a few of the pearls in this sparkling, elegant and haunting Technicolor musical. And if you don't like it, this reviewer will give you your money back.

FRANGO

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MAY 30.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loans		
4% 1955 (reg.)	100	—
3% 1956 (reg.)	100½	—
3% 1959 (reg.)	100½	—
Pop. Loans		
1949/59 (11.10)	103½	—
1950/75 (11.10)	93½	—
4½% Travel Dollar	126½	+½
4½% War Loan 54/69	81½	+½
4½% Govt Bonds large	95	—
Pal. Reserve Bd.		
Ser. 1	74½	+½
Ser. 2	72½	+1½
Ser. 3	80½	—
6 Leumi (3rd ch.		
A.F.B. Invest.		
6% Debs 50/70	98½	—
4½% Pref ch.	104½	—
Ord ch. "P"	114½	—
Gazit Ord. Sh. "B"	104½	—
Geo Mertz 5%		
6% Debs 61/69	76	+½
6% Pref. ch.		
Bisur		
6% Debs 61/69	90	—
4½% Debs 53/65 reg.	76½	—
Shr Led		
6% Debs 59/69	81	—
5% Pref ch	70½	+9½
Pass Deb 4% 62/69	75½	—
P.L.D.C Ord sh reg	156½	—
6% Debs	82½	—
Afr Pal Inv Ord sh.	122½	—
Rassco		
4% Debs 58/69	68	—
6% Pref (3rd sh.	94½	—
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh	400	+5
"A" ord sh.	240	+2
Pal. Elec. (3rd sh (Reg.)	479	+5
Mehoroth Pref sh.	70½	—
Ata 6% "C" Pref. sh.	109	—
Ord. "B" sh.	149½	—
Ord. "C" sh	143	—
6-8% Con. Debs.	104½	—
"Kardanes" (3rd "B sh	148½	—1
Ord "C" sh	149½	—
7% Conv. Debs 50/68	110	—
Assis-Rej. "B" sh	159	—
"Teva" Ord sh.	100½	—
Neuhr: 6% Debs Ser. A	113	+1a)
6% Debs Ser. B	137	+1a)
Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs.	149	+1
Lodzia 4½% Pref sh.	71½	—
S.A. Binyan 3rd sh	83	—b)
Pal. Centr Tr pref sh	94	—a)

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; e) pruto per one Dollar

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

at 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Dark City.
EDEN: Million Dollar Baby.
EDISON: Ultimo Encontro.
ORGIL: The Robin Hood Story
ORION: Lour Derniere Nuit.
ORNA: Lydia Bailey.
STUDIO: Anna Karenina.
ZION: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 and 6.30 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.50 Exercise. 7.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.20 Close Down.
12.00 N. Music at Noon. 12.30 Concert Hall: Folk Symphony (Avidom); Viola Concerto (Lavry); "Israel" Symphony (Bloch). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Notes for Scripture Reading. 4.45 Works by Chajes. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Zahal's Armour Day. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Citizen. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.45 Songs, presented by "Kol Zion" Choir. Conductor: Nehama Winawer. 10.00 Chamber Music: Works by Copland, Gnessin & Lavry. 10.30 "Notturno." 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

480, 205, 215 49.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. **French News:** 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.2, 34.9 & 460 M.): 6.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. **French:** 6.30 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.00 p.m. **Yiddish:** 7.30 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): 11.15 News. Newsreel. 11.45 Folk Symphony (Avidom).
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 205, 225 & 239 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Music. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Among the Flags. 8.00 Songs. 8.30 News. 9.30 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.80; 34.93; 30.88; 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News: News Talk; Press Review.
VOICE OF AMERICA English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 14.4 M.): 6.00-6.30 p.m. Repeated at 8.00-8.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.3 M.

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Saturday, June 12, 9 p.m., Y.M.C.A.
Tickets: at Cahana's (opp. Cinema "Zion")
Programme: Organ Toccata — Bach-Busoni; Variations Serieuses — Mendelssohn; Sonata No.3 — Hindemith; "Saudades do Brasil" — Milhaud; Sonata in B minor — Chopin.

WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL
HAIFA
Tonight—1st Chamber Music Concert, "Peer," 9 p.m.
Wed., June 2—Concert, Haifa Orchestra and Chamber Choir, "Orah," 9 p.m.
Thurs., June 3 — Kol Yisrael Orchestra, "Orah," 9 p.m.
Fri., June 4—2nd Chamber Music Concert, "Peer," 3.30 p.m.
Sun., June 6—Concert, Philharmonic Orchestra "Armon," 3.30 p.m.
Mon., June 7—Last Concert, Town Hall, 9 p.m.
The sale of tickets for all concerts is continuing in Haifa at "Peer" and Dizengoff.

UNION BANK OF ISRAEL LTD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953

LIABILITIES		1953	1952
		IL.	IL.
Share Capital Authorized, issued and fully paid up — 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares of IL.1 each	1,000,000		
General Reserve	150,000		
Profit and Loss Account	16,616		
		1,166,616	1,056,347
Deposits, Current and Other Accounts, including Contingencies Reserves and Provision for Taxation	23,029,584		
Balances in Account with Subsidiary Bank — Canada-Israel Central Bank Ltd.	953,471		
		23,983,055	11,853,904
Confirmed Documentary Credits, Acceptances and Guarantees on Account of Customers		12,419,018	4,664,057
		IL. 37,568,689	16,973,608

NOTE: United States dollars have been converted at the rate of $1.00=IL.1, and all other currencies at corresponding rates. In the case of Confirmed Documentary Credits and Acceptances, foreign currencies have been converted at the rates fixed by Government for each transaction.

ASSETS		1953	1952
		IL.	IL.
Cash in Hand and at Banks and Balances with Banking Correspondents, in Israel and abroad	10,115,841		
Securities of the Government of Israel, at cost	324,500		
		10,440,341	6,464,457
Advances, Bills Discounted and Other Accounts	14,277,346		
Investments—quoted, at or under market value, not exceeding cost	47,974		
Subsidiary Bank—Canada-Israel Central Bank Ltd. — Shares at cost	383,990		
		14,709,310	5,245,...14
Liabilities of Customers for Confirmed Documentary Credits, Acceptances and Guarantees		12,419,018	4,664,057
		IL. 37,568,689	16,973,608

ROBERT SZOLD — *Chairman*

BERNARD WALEY-COHEN—*Vice Chairman*

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF UNION BANK OF ISRAEL LIMITED. We have audited the above Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account and have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Bank so far as appears from our examination thereof. The said Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account are in agreement with the books of account. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Bank's affairs as at December 31, 1953, and the Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended on that date.

Tel Aviv, March 15, 1954.

CHAIKIN & CITRON
Chartered Accountants — Auditors

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 107 (2) OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1929. The profits of the Subsidiary Bank are included in the above Accounts to the extent of dividends received.

ROBERT SZOLD — Chairman
BERNARD WALEY-COHEN — Vice Chairman

UNION BANK OF ISRAEL LTD

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

of Union Bank of Israel Ltd. and of its Subsidiary Canada-Israel Central Bank Ltd.

DECEMBER 31, 1953

LIABILITIES		1953	1952
		IL.	IL.
Share Capital Authorized, issued and fully paid up — 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares of IL.1 each	1,000,000		
General Reserve and Capital Surplus	348,384		
Consolidated Profit and Loss Account	36,987		
		1,385,371	1,228,750
Interest of Outside Shareholders in the Capital and Surplus of the Subsidiary		480,243	336,069
Deposits, Current and Other Accounts, including Contingencies Reserves and Provision for Taxation	35,854,950		
Special Loan Funds of Government and Others	7,168,653		
		33,023,613	16,577,779
Confirmed Documentary Credits, Acceptances and Guarantees on Account of Customers		12,848,436	5,040,539
		IL. 47,738,043	23,276,139

ASSETS		1953	1952
		IL.	IL.
Cash in Hand and at Banks and Balances with Banking Correspondents, in Israel and abroad	10,856,198		
Securities of the Government of Israel, at cost	568,127		
		11,424,323	7,129,731
Advances, Loans, Bills Discounted and Other Accounts	23,978,334		
Investments — at or under cost	77,370		
		23,455,964	11,046,324
Liability of Customers for Confirmed Documentary Credits, Acceptances and Guarantees		12,848,436	5,040,539
		IL. 47,738,043	23,276,139

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	39	16	34	35
Tiberias	31	22	—	35
Haifa Port	75	21	24	26
Nat'anya	75	19	25	25
Tel Aviv North	74	19	24	25
Tel Aviv Port	82	20	22	24
Lydda Airport	83	18	28	29
Jerusalem	34	19	26	27
Beersheba	30	18	29	30
Eilat	18	28	39	39

FORECAST: Fair, with normal temperature.

A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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A MUNICIPAL BUDGET totalling IL.2,428,000 was approved by the Petah Tikva Council last night.

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THE EUROPEAN PLANT Protection Organization has been renamed the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization following an Israel resolution adopted at a conference of the organization at the end of last month, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said yesterday.

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THE GREEK SHIP Syn Davakif, which has unloaded cement and loaded copper ore at Eilat, sailed from there on Saturday night for Haifa. Two or three sailings a month between Haifa and Eilat are planned by the company chartering the ship.

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THE TRIAL of Mr. M. Greenwald, for libelling Dr. I. Kastner, will be resumed tomorrow before Dr. B. Halevi, President of the Jerusalem District Court.

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THE 22ND DRAWING of the 1949-1969 Milveh Amami will take place at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv.

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THE NEXT PASSING-out parade of officer cadets will be held on Hakirya parade ground, Jerusalem, it was learned in Tel Aviv yesterday. The Army authorities have decided to make the parade accessible to the general public.

Fathers Fear Fiery Lover

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — A young man has been re-arrested on suspicion of having set fire to the hut of his sweet-heart's family in Tirat Hacarmel in April, after her father had objected to the courtship.

At the time, the man was released for lack of evidence.

Eliahu Ezra, aged 20, came to grief, however, when the fire of his passions for the girl died down and he found himself a new sweetheart. This girl's father appealed to the police for the protection of his hut from the fiery but fickle lover. "He can burn my hut, just as I saw him burn the other," he said.

Ezra is now cooling off in prison for 10 days, following a remand by the magistrate today.

Boy's Death on Hike To Be Investigated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Ministry of Education and Culture is shortly to hold an investigation into the circumstances of the death of Amos Tivon, 16, of Tel Aviv, who died on a school trip in the Carmel mountains on Friday, supposedly of heat-stroke, it was learned here.

The boy was a student of the Fine Vocational School here. He left by bus for Haifa at 5 a.m. on Friday. From Haifa, the party continued on foot.

At 9 a.m., Amos was reported to have complained of tiredness and sat down in the shade of a tree. He died a few minutes later. The cause of death, which could not be established exactly in Haifa, was further investigated at the Tel Hashomer hospital today.

The boy's parents, who are teachers, did not learn of the death until yesterday.

The investigation committee will include representatives of the Ministries of Education, Defence and Labour.

8-Year-Old Wins Trip to Europe

BAT YAM, Sunday. — A girl of 8, Shlomit Tamasha, of Rehovot, won the first prize — a trip to Europe — in the Artic lottery drawn here today. A refrigerator was won by 15-year old Bella Pfeiserbaum, of Tel Aviv, while a motorcycle went to Raphael Benhaim of Hadera.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. David Benari, Mayor of Bat Yam, assisted by Mr. Yigal Mossinsohn, the writer, and Mr. Uri Avneri, Editor of "Haolam Ha'zeh." Two thousand prizes were allotted, and the remaining 20,000 participants in the competition will each receive a consolation gift of a carton of ice cream.

Mt. Carmel Water Supply Cut

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Mt. Carmel Water Supply Co. was advised a week in advance of the need to suspend the supply to its consumers for 24 hours last Tuesday because of the need to repair a transformer, the Palestine Electric Corporation stated here.

Without warning, Mt. Carmel residents found themselves without water for over six hours during a sharav. The Mt. Carmel Water Supply Co. (which has offered no apology to its consumers) was privately owned and was not under public jurisdiction, the Municipality's Water Department said here last week, adding that nevertheless a letter of reprimand would be sent to the company. Complaints from consumers were received by the Municipality and the P.E.C.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Coffee: 50 gr. cards Dalet and Heh. Tet 4; temp. 25. Tea: 50 gr. cards Dalet and Heh. 100 gr. cards Gimel, Tet 5 temp. 26. TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Frozen meat: 100 gr. Yod 19, temp 22. Invalids: 500 gr. He Gimel 21. Cocoa: 150 gr. for children, cards Aleph and Bet, no coupon, temp. 18. Meat: 600 gr. for children cards Aleph and Bet, 50 coupon, temp. 21.

Music Festival Opens in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The 28th World Festival of Contemporary Music opened with a brief ceremony in the Town Hall this evening, in the presence of the Mayor, Municipal Councillors and the 20 delegates from 14 countries who have so far arrived. Many more are to come during the next few days.

"This is the first such festival to be held in the Middle East, and it shows that Israel is not a Levantine country, but a cultural bridge between East and West," Mr. Khoushy said.

"If we take our place in the world today, it will not be by wealth or power, which we lack, but by virtue of the spirit. We are proud and thankful that Haifa has been chosen for the Congress site. There could be no better place than Israel where a pioneering spirit goes hand in hand with an urge for new cultural values."

Mr. J. Bentzon, of Denmark, President of the International Society for Contemporary Music, thanked the Mayor for extending the town's hospitality. "Some may think modern music is atrocious," he said, "but I hope that it will give the people here food for thought and pleasure."

"I should like to call your special attention to a significant difference between this and any previous festival of the I.S.C.M.," Mr. Bentzon wrote in a publication addressed to all Congress delegates. "For the first time, the festival will be held outside the confines of strictly European boundaries. In this land, the traditional meeting ground of great world religions, we find ourselves also at a meeting ground between East and West, and for us as a Society this has a special meaning."

Among the guests who arrived by El Al and LAI this morning were Mr. M. Woeldeke, a Danish conductor; Mr. Arnold Van Wyck, South African composer and pianist; Mr. S. Materassi, Italian violinist; Miss Betsy de la Porte, soprano from South Africa; Mr. Heins Rehfuss of Switzerland, who will sing the leading role in Darius Milhaud's opera, David; Mr. S.E. Beck, Swedish composer; Mr. E. Glaser, violinist from Oslo; Mr. P. Hall, organizer of the last I.S.C.M. conference in Oslo; and Mr. M. Seiber, British composer.

The Danish composer, Mr. B. Levkovitch, and the La Salle quartet from the U.S. also arrived today.

The Programme in the first Concert of the Festival, held at the Armon Cinema, included a symphonic poem by Heitor Villa-Lobos "Wanderers of the Nation," the Fourth Piano Concerto by Darius Milhaud, two "Inventions" by Adona Zacci and a symphony by Andre Jolivet. The conductors were Michael Taube and Heinz Freudenthal, and the soloist was Zade Skolovsky.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Khoushy were among the audience.

Teachers Must Go To Settlements

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Members of the Teachers' Association are to be mobilized for teaching work in immigrant settlements in Galilee, the Negev and the South, the council of the Association decided unanimously here today.

About one-third of the nation's children are not receiving instruction, Mr. David Levin, President of the Association, reported.

Ruth Hacohen Held For Illegal Exit

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mrs. Ruth Hacohen, who served 60 days out of a one-year sentence in the U.S. for smuggling $100,000 in cut diamonds from Israel, returned by El Al today and was immediately arrested on a charge of leaving the country illegally on the passport of another person — her twin sister.

Just as she left the plane in Lydda Airport, elegantly dressed and loaded with gift parcels, Police Officer I. Singer, Chief of the Investigation Department of the Central Police District, personally informed her that she was under arrest.

She was driven to National Police Headquarters, covering her face as cameras flashed, where she was investigated for four hours by Mr. M. Goldman of the Economic Police. Police are now trying to establish the connection between Hacohen and an alleged group of diamond smugglers.

At the end of the investigation, Hacohen was taken to the Ramle Women's Prison.

Upon her arrival at the airport, Hacohen first declined to speak to reporters, saying, "I will tell my husband everything. He is also a journalist. You have slandered me enough." Later, however, she added that her treatment in the American prison was very humane, but that on the other hand she "could write a book" on the behaviour of the Israel Consulate in New York.

At the entrance to police H.Q., Hacohen was allowed to kiss her husband, Shmuel Hacohen, and her brother-in-law, Mr. Hananya Katz, in the presence of other relatives, but was not allowed to speak to them. Most of her close relatives were detained last February on suspicion of being involved in the diamond smuggling.

The Minister of Communications, Mr. Y. Saphir, who returned from the U.S. in the aircraft carrying Hacohen, told reporters that he had not been aware of her presence.

Dobkin Calls For New Zionist Methods

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Proposals for the reorganization of the Zionist Movement were outlined here today at a Press conference by Mr. E. Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive.

A new system of elections to the Zionist Congress based not only on the numerical strength of Zionist membership but also on the number of immigrants each country has sent to Israel, was one of the proposals.

Mr. Dobkin also suggested that the representation of a country to the Zionist Congress might also be assessed in the light of the effort made on behalf of Hebrew education. Congress should oblige every Zionist to provide his children with a Hebrew education.

Another proposal was the establishment of a general Jewish organization, containing Zionists and non-Zionists, which would concentrate in its hands all forms of financial mobilization on behalf of Israel and which would be made to share the responsibility for the expenditure of the funds.

The decline in the *halutz* movement in the Diaspora has been arrested, Mr. Dobkin reported. Throughout the world, there are at present only 900 pioneers training in 31 farms, but there are good prospects for increasing the strength of the movement in the near future.

GUZMAN LEAVES GENERAL ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Ephraim Guzman, Secretary General of the Merchants' Association, has resigned from the General Zionist Party. He has not revealed his future political plans. Mr. Guzman had opposed his party's coalition with Mapai.

A YOUNG WOMAN who gave birth to a child by her second husband without having obtained a divorce from her first, a British sergeant who served under the Mandatory Government, was detained in Tel Aviv yesterday on a charge of bigamy.

5 Years Jail for Man 'Ordered to Murder'

For attempting to choke a member of Ramat Rahel kibbutz last June, Noah Stern was sentenced yesterday to five years in prison by the Jerusalem District Court President, Dr. Binyamin Halevi.

The judge deplored the convicted man's refusal to plead insanity or to see a psychiatrist, despite obvious manifestations of mental illness.

Stern, born in Lithuania and a graduate of Harvard, had kept a notebook of "literary jottings" in which he described a compulsion from "above" to commit murder. The scene and the circumstances of the crime recorded in this book corresponded in many ways to his attempted murder of the kibbutz member, Eliahu Sokolsky.

Stern denied any connection between the two, stating that he was merely outlining a future novel. He claimed that Sokolsky's room had been pointed out to him as the lavatory, and when he attempted to enter it, he was knocked down.

Dr. Halevi recommended that Stern be placed in an institution for a term to be suggested by the Minister of Justice. *(Itim)*

One in 10 in T.A. Gets Social Aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The Municipal Welfare Department last year helped another 1,000 families or 40,000 persons, 10% of the Tel Aviv area's population, Mr. B. Yacobson, head of the Department, told the Municipal Council last night.

Of these families, 60% were residents of Jaffa and the slum quarter; 50% had come to the country since the creation of the State. Of all those receiving help, 2,700 were elderly persons, 2,600 widows or widowers, 600 tubercular cases, 450 insane, 400 residing in "inhuman" living conditions. Over half of the total number were children under 17.

The speaker said that these figures did not cover all the needy, and that there were many who shied away from being on record as special cases.

Speaking of juvenile delinquency, which was of serious proportions, Mr. Yacobson stated that ten percent of the children of elementary school age found their way to the Department, which tries to prevent their moral deterioration. The Department's budget was IL.1.6m. last year. This year it is expected to increase to IL.2m.

North Negev Road Network

A new network of district and approach roads was recently completed by the Department of Public Works in the vicinity of Safiah, Bet Hagadi and elsewhere in the Northern Negev.

The construction of the new network, having an overall length of 37 kms., was begun at the end of last summer and took 10 months to complete. The project cost about IL.750,000 and employed between 80 and 150 workers.

The network will bring the various settlements closer together and will open new possibilities for the establishment of other settlements in the area.

Locust Menace Almost Overcome

BEERSHEBA, Sunday.—The end of the fight against the locusts is now in sight, workers of the Plant Protection Department who have fought the insects in the Negev for the past two weeks, reported today.

About 80% of all known locusts have been destroyed by now, while the number of those undiscovered was not believed to constitute a serious threat.

Entymologists who visited the infected areas were reported to have said that the locusts which will hatch in the Negev will fly either to the sea or towards Egypt.

Fishing Boat Moved Overland to Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday—A 13 meter long fishing boat belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture's Fisheries Department, set out on a 3-4 day overland journey to Eilat, for fisheries research there, on board a Galyah Ltd. trailer, early this morning.

The boat, which had previously been used for fisheries research in the North, will work in Eilat with a new, specially trained crew. It was loaded on the trailer in Haifa port by the giant Shimshon floating crane, and set out for Eilat at 3 a.m.

The trailer is pulled by a 250 h.p. "Diamond T" power cabin, but in order to assure smooth running and safety on the many steep inclines along the way, a second 250 h.p. power cabin is also accompanying the convoy.

The convoy will travel along the new Negev road. The convoy will camp near a settlement each night. While overland boat transport is no novelty for the Galyah Company (a boat building cooperative in the Port) this is its biggest job so far, and the first attempt to take a complete fishing boat, with its deep keel, along the 700 kms. long way to Eilat. The Galyah Company was awarded the job, because it put in the lowest bid for the Ministry of Agriculture's tender.

Employment Level Kept Steady

Agricultural work and an increased Government employment budget have kept employment relatively stable despite the end of the citrus season. While agricultural areas are sometimes short of hands the bulk of the unemployed is in the cities. In the week ending June 21 there were 13,350 unemployed. Of these 10,407 were unskilled labourers and 2,394 women.

MAPAM MEETS IN BEERSHEBA

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — "To the Village, the Borders, and the Negev" is the slogan of the congress of local Mapam councils, which opened at the Beersheba Museum this evening.

Tomorrow's session is to be held in private.

A FEW DROPS of rain fell in Jerusalem at 1:30 p.m. yesterday.

Army Staff College Opens Formally Today

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The first students arrived today at the Army Command and Staff College which is to be officially inaugurated tomorrow in the presence of the President.

All the students have many years of active duty as officers, their ranks ranging from Seren to Sgan-Aluf. After they have spent a considerable time in the college they will be qualified for staff duties in the higher echelons.

The idea to set up a college for staff officers was born in the Haganah, the officer directing the school told correspondents here today. It was only in 1952, however, that the Chief-of-Staff ordered a group of enthusiasts to prepare blueprints for such a school.

One of the group went to Britain and another to France to attend senior staff colleges there. On their return, the group spent long hours in adapting the teachings of the foreign schools to local conditions and, when a framework was established, in devising a full curriculum and preparing manuals in Hebrew. Then the instructors, all high-ranking officers, had to be trained.

The three main subjects to be taught in the college are Army organization, staff work and the theory of warfare, but time will also be devoted to military history and general education. Specialists will be invited to lecture on political science, civil administration and problems of the State of Israel.

"Our intention," the officer said, "is to form habits of clear thinking and clear exposition. We would also stress that, in warfare, it is the man who is the key to victory." Because of this view psychology is included in the curriculum.

Local Fishermen Ask Imports Suspension

The Fishermen's Union in Israel has asked the Minister of Commerce and Industry to halt the distribution of imported fish during the summer months.

In a letter to the Minister, the Union points out that we are now entering the main season for supply of local fish; during the months June-September the average catch is expected to be from 1,000 to 1,100 tons a month. This, the Union declares, together with imported herring, is sufficient to supply the current demand.

The Union also states that although the Knesset Finance Committee had voted to levy a heavy duty on imported canned fish, which competes with the local product, no action had been taken.

CARTEL COMMITTEE HEARS TESTIMONY

The Cartel Committee heard testimony on Sunday from representatives of the Phoenicia Glass Works and the Nur match factory in connection with the inquiry now being conducted on cartels and monopolies.

Yesterday, the Committee, which is composed of representatives of the Treasury, the Economic Advisory Council and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, began formulating conclusions based on the testimony heard so far.

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LOSS	ZLOTIES
Interests and Commissions	224.353.70
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Allotment to the Sinking Fund	53.200.13
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Interests and Commissions	2.377.107.19
Other Profits	336.559.46
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Zatopek Sets World 5,000 Metre Record

PARIS, Sunday (UP). — Emil Zatopek, Czech triple Olympic champion, broke the world 5,000-meter record here today, clocking 13 minutes, 57.2 seconds. He beat the former record set in 1942 by the Swede, Gundar Haegg, by one second.

The French authorities had at first refused to grant Zatopek an entry visa because they said that the Czech had recently written an article in a newspaper abusing the French.

If Zatopek's time today is ratified, he will hold six world records — for the 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, 25,000, 30,000 metres, and for the one-hour run.

Nepal Party Head Held For Anti-India Action

KATMANDU, Sunday (Reuter). — Police arrested a leader of the right-wing Korkha Parishad Party and his brother here today.

The arrested men — both members of the Rana family — were Bharat Shamsher, son of one of Nepal's leading generals, and his younger brother, Jabbish.

The Prime Minister, Mr. M. P. Koirala, said that they were accused of organizing an anti-India demonstration yesterday in which the Indian Ambassador's car had been hit by brickbats and an Indian parliamentary delegation threatened.

Harry Truman Stays Young

REHOVOT, Sunday — Ex-President Harry S. Truman has written to Mrs. Chaim Weizmann that he does not feel "as if I were 70 at all."

Answering birthday greetings from Mrs. Weizmann, the former President in a letter dated May 19 wrote:

"I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a telegram on my birthday. I had a grand time on that day and didn't feel as if I were 70 at all."

BELGRADE AIDS IRAQ

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Yugoslav Federal Executive Council has decided to send 3m. dinars worth of prefabricated buildings to the flood-stricken population of Iraq, the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said today.

US HAPOEL HAMIZRAHI REPLY TO BYROADE

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Five hundred delegates of the Hapoel Hamizrahi's annual convention, assembled at a mountain resort near here, adopted a resolution tonight sharply answering Assistant Secretary of State Henry Byroade—without mentioning his name.

The whole country is getting ready for the

Flower Week 1954 in Haifa.

Imperialism Our Main Foe—Nasser

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser told 500 Arab students here last night that "Crusades will never end until the Arab world is freed from the fetters of imperialism."

Col. Nasser added, "Imperialists spread intrigue among Arabs by disgraceful means to achieve their aim of destroying Arabism and Arab nationalism. They had spread their intrigues after both world wars, killed Palestine and created Israel."

Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, declared, "We know no enemy except one who occupies our land. Egypt is relentlessly fighting imperialism and its supporters."

Major Salem will soon proceed to Riadh, Saudi Arabia, at the special invitation of King Saud, the NEABS reported from Cairo today.

Problems to be discussed include the planned all-Moslem conference in the Old City of Jerusalem, and the dispute between Saudi Arabia and the British, involving the potentially oil-rich Buraimi Oasis.

INDIA WARNS MISSIONARIES

India has warned foreign missionaries that it was not open to them to come to that country and to try to convert the people by decrying their religion as "hopelessly idolatrous," "The Times of India" reported recently. Such activities could not be regarded as a question of religion, the Home Minister, Dr. Katju, said; it was a national and political problem and a matter of law and order.

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DEATH— Anne O'Hare McCormick, Pulitzer Prize winning correspondent and a member of the Editorial Board of "The New York Times," died in New York last night.

GIANTS. — Butterflies as big as bats with a wing span of 17 cms. were seen in the streets of the north Italian town of Bologna yesterday. Their origin was a mystery.

SEIZURE. — Japanese maritime authorities in Nemuro, Japan, reported yesterday that a Soviet patrol boat seized two Japanese fishing boats on Friday night west of the Russian-occupied Kunashiri Island in the Kurile group.

MAU MAU. — Security forces have killed 27 Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya during the past 24 hours, 21 of them in a battle in the Mount Kenya area north of Nairobi, East African Headquarters announced yesterday.

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THE abolition of the subsidy on fuel must be seen for what it is, the forerunner of a straightforward cancelling of subsidies in general. This step was inevitable unless drastic cuts in all sections of the budget could be made; an alternative which in reality does not exist as most services maintained by the Government are already cut to the bone.

ENDING SUBSIDIES

The immediate effect of a general elimination of subsidies must be a rise in the cost of living in the current budget year. Such a rise must mean, unless steps can be devised to offset it that much of the Government expenditure which is saved by the fixing of all price levels at the IL.1.800 — $1.00 rate will be absorbed by automatic increases in the payrolls of the various departments. It has to be remembered in this connection that the Government is the largest direct employer of labour in the country, besides providing work indirectly for many more thousands of the population, and that the Jewish Agency and other big employers are instantaneously affected by its ruling.

To deal with this situation, freezing some of the increased cost-of-living allowances by partially paying them in savings certificates, might be tried. Another suggestion is that the generous reductions in income tax on a large part of cost-of-living allowances at present in force will not be applied to the new increases, upon which full tax will have to be paid.

There is ground for the fear that the cancellation of subsidies will exercise a disturbing effect upon the economy. The immediate reaction to the removal of the subsidy on fuel has already led to rises in the price of gas and may not unexpectedly lead to a series of demands for higher transport rates and a rise in the price of electric power which challenge Mr. Sapir's promise that he will try to prevent these increases in fuel from affecting prices in general.

In resisting this new inflationary pressure the Government will look to the mass of the people for support and understanding that in the final analysis standards of living which are based on subsidies are always in danger.

THE decision of the doctors to postpone the renewal of the strike originally threatened for tomorrow, will, it is hoped, prove to be not just a temporary measure, but the abandonment of this weapon.

DOCTORS' DILEMMA

While much sympathy is felt with the doctors in their demands for pay consonant with their long and expensive training and the serious responsibilities which they discharge to the community, it has also to be remembered that all sections of the community must make real sacrifices to assist the Government in its attempt to curb recent renewed inflationary pressure which can, if it gets out of hand, throw the whole economic structure of the country into chaos. Public opinion may incline towards the doctors in their demands but the wish of the authorities that their special claims be postponed until the end of the budget year is not entirely unreasonable either. One ought, however, to add the proviso that during this year an attempt should be made to overhaul the whole of the present wage structure in order to bring some sort of consonance into the rewards given by our economy to vastly differing degrees of skill.

One of the complications posed by the present struggle is the resolve of the Histadrut to expel doctors who defy its authority, and that of the Medical Association to expel members of their association who do not. The present breathing spell might at least serve to blunt the horns of this particularly unpleasant dilemma.

Armed Guatemala Troubles U.S.

Threat To Panama Seen

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, (OFNS). — THE recent shipment of arms from Poland to Guatemala, and the accumulating evidence in Washington that Communist activity in Central America is being vigorously coordinated and directed from Guatemala, has posed a serious problem for the United States. Briefly, the question is whether to activate the consultative machinery set up under the 1947 Rio Pact (Inter-American defence) with a view to initiating action by the United States and the Latin American countries against Guatemala, or whether to risk having the bluff of the United States called.

The United States was at great pains, during the inter-American Conference at Caracas in March, to ensure the passage of an anti-Communist resolution which was signed by all participants except Guatemala. If it does not now take some actior to implement that resolution, its leadership in Latin America, and to a certain extent in other parts of the world, will be weakened.

Most Armed

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, left no doubt at his press conference last week of the seriousness which the Administration attaches to the situation in Guatemala, as a result of last week's revelations of its direct links with the countries behind the Iron Curtain. Although he overstated the case in referring to the shipment as "massive" (a word of which Mr. Dulles is altogether too fond) since it consisted only of some 2,000 tons of small arms, he did point out that Guatemala is now the most heavily armed of the Central American States, that a Government in which Communist influence is very strong has come into a position to dominate militarily the Central American area. Already, he asserted, the Guatemalan Government has made gestures against its neighbours which they deem to be threatening and which have led them to appeal for aid. This aid has now been forthcoming in the shape of an emergency airlift of arms from the U.S. to Nicaragua and Honduras, with whom the U.S. has military pacts.

Mr. Dulles also made clear that while there was no need for the U.S. to take the initiative in invoking the consultative machinery of the Rio Pact, since Nicaragua is already doing that, "it is contemplated that if the circumstances permit, there should be an effort, a sincere effort, at collective action, and we would expect to comply with both the letter and the spirit of our treaty obligations."

It is clear that American concern over the possibility of a direct link arising between Russia and Guatemala has more to it than the possibility of having its leadership questioned, or of permitting a war to start in Central America. If Guatemala should accept obligations other than those of a normal Central American State, or control from Moscow, it would jeopardize the oldest collective security organization still in existence, the Pan-American Union, of which Guatemala is a member — although it has never ratified the Rio Pact which strengthened it. If the United States did not take steps against Guatemala, such events would also question the 120-year-old Monroe Doctrine, that the American continent is the home of indigenous States which are not to be controlled by colonial or foreign Powers.

Communists by Canal

But there is a more practical cause for anxiety. In the opinion of the Administration and of American experts in Central America, there is now no question that Guatemala is trying to stir up trouble in her neighbouring States. The recent strikes in Honduras are believed to have been definitely fomented from Guatemala. The fear in Washington is that unless this attempt at subversion is checked, it will spread through Central America and will endanger the security of the Panama Canal. Costa Rica, which borders on Panama has the largest number of Communists of any of the Central American States. And Washington's concern with Communism in Central America is by no means illusory.

London Letter

Footplate Versus Cushions

By KENNETH HARRIS

LONDON, (OFNS). — BRITAIN'S railway strike, maddening from the start is now becoming disturbing. Though only a small percentage of the country's footplate men—locomotive drivers and firemen—are out, if they do not go back shortly, both coal and steel output will be seriously affected at a particularly grave period in Britain's drive for increased exports. Also, with the fine weather here at last, people are beginning to take their holidays, and the grave reduction in passengers services is going to create havoc among holidaymakers' arrangements.

The trouble is not between unions and management or unions and Government. It is caused by a small group of men within a particular union, who are protesting at a change in the arrangements by which drivers and firemen accompany a train to its destination, and have to spend a night away from home, so that they have to work a train back home instead of returning immediately "on the cushions," as they put it.

There is no serious grievance about pay, as such, and there seems no conclusive evidence of Communist activities. One old engine driver to whom I spoke at Oxford blames it all on the younger footplate men. "They don't want to put themselves out," he said, "They want to take things easy."

Whatever the basic reasons for the stubbornness of the footplate men, public irritation is mounting at a rate out of proportion to the actual disruptions that have been experienced so far. This is partly due to the well-established fact that the strikers are defying the orders and entreaties of their own leaders, and partly due to a sense that there is a streak of pure and simple cussedness in their attitude.

Soccer Swan-Song

THE [illegible] that Britain is no longer the power it used to be in the military-diplomatic world has been accepted by the bulk of the British people with a philosophical detachment which almost suggests that they don't much care. But the fact that Britain is no longer the leading power in the world of football has struck the country a sickle-stroke of dismay which has bowed the nation's head to approximately knee-level.

Hungary seven goals; England 1. In some respects it might have been better if England had not scored at all: then, we might have kidded ourselves into believing that, possibly through some administrative blunder, the English team had omitted to make its usual shots at goal.

When the Hungarians came over here as visitors last November, they beat England thoroughly by six goals to three. There was no misunderstanding about it — they won because they were the better team, and played faster, stronger and more accurate football. It was clear that England's team was inferior. But though many critics were outspokenly gloomy, and though some uttered grave warnings and misgivings, few people did not believe that England was off-form that day, or that they were taken by surprise by the unsuspected excellence of the Hungarians, or were put at a disadvantage by a style of play rather different from the home-grown variety.

Everyone hoped, and thousands believed, that in the return game the English players would give a much better account of themselves. I saw headlines on the leading sports pages of the national Press, on the eve of the match, saying such things as: "English team confident," "English team set for revenge." Other headlines suggested, if they did not explicitly state, that the Hungarians were in for a tough struggle. What happened? "England completely outclassed," mourned the by-no-means-sensationalist London Times; "we are no longer a world power in the game... we were outpacked, outmanoeuvred, out-thought."

The whole country is now seething with suspicion, sense of outrage and feeling of betrayal. If we happened to have a potential Senator McCarthy among us he would undoubtedly be able to sweep to power by demanding a purge of British footballing elements.

Haifa Citizens to Aid Polio Victims

By YA'ACOV ARDON

INFANTILE paralysis is on the increase again this year after a steady drop since the peak outbreak of 1950. While doctors in laboratories throughout the world are still trying to come to grips with the causes of the disease, its effects can already be mitigated to a great exteent if the stricken patients receive proper after-treatment. In Israel, 95 per cent of all polio victims are children up to the age of five: 60 percent are infants up to the age of two years.

Haifa residents are now to be called to gird themselves for a vigorous fight against the effects of the disease and for the maximum rehabilitation of its victims. They are to be made to realize that public health is a concern of the public. Last week, Haifa's civic leaders, doctors and newsmen gathered at the home of Mayor Khoushy to hear an outline of the campaign that is being organized by the new Haifa branch of "Ilenshil," short for Israel Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In the acute stage of the disease, patients need highly organized medical care in hospitals. In Israel, the average period of hospitalization is two to three weeks (in the U.S.A., during the worst periods, it is as low as one week, because of the shortage of hospital facilities). In Haifa, the Rambam Hospital is fairly adequately equipped with iron lungs, which alone can save the patient's life when the virus attacks the nerve centre that controls breathing, or the muscles that operate the breathing mechanism. The hospital staff includes highly experienced doctors and nurses: there are enough beds, equipment and medicines.

But the crucial problem is after-treatment. Children in particular need long periods of rehabilitation, and this is of such crying importance that it should be the concern of every father, every mother and every other citizen. It begins in the hospital, and consists of active, passive and resistive exercises, which continued for months and sometimes years, regenerate, the affected muscles and rebuild their strength. This is the job of the physical therapists, of which there are not enough in israel.

In later stages, the patients need orthopedic appliances, shoes crutches, wheelchairs or operations. The slow course of rehabilitation is a heavy financial and emotional burden on the patient's family. Prolonged after-treatment can mean the difference between successful rehabilitation, and permanent invalidity. How many parents can afford the cost?

Sound Investment

It is here that the public comes in. It can prevent a high percentage of polio invalidity by supporting Ilenshil with the same spirit of generosity that the American public has shown to its own Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Every pound invested in helping polio victims will repay itself," Dr. W. Falk, polio expert of Haifa's Rambam Hospital, explained. His dream is to organize mobile teams of physical therapists to travel up and down the country and to visit all polio victims regularly, giving them the treatment that means so much for their physical and emotional welfare, and instructing parents on how to treat their children.

Every public-spirited citizen in Haifa — and throughout Israel — is called on to join "Ilenshil." In Haifa, the first objective is to set up summer camps for polio victims. On a country-wide basis "Ilenshil" will provide the anti-polio squads of phyical therapists, social workers, educators, appliance specialists and up-to-date treatment centres.

Polio began to assume alarming proportions in 1950, when 1,600 cases were diagnosed. In 1951, the figure dropped to 917, in 1952 to 874, in 1953 to 637. This year, the number is rising slightly. Of the 4,000 diagnosed cases, 1,400 have a residual of temporary or permanent paralysis of one or more limbs. Ninety-five per cent of them are children. They deserve to be adopted by the public.

Readers' Letters

DOCTORS' CONDITIONS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I doubt whether the doctors who strike have gained the sympathy or the respect of the public. Of all the liberal professions, doctors are probably one of the most privileged group in this country. As far as I know, irrespective of experience or background, practically every doctor is assured of some kind of employment and steady income. This is one of the few professions where one can start working without knowing Hebrew.

In comparison with doctors, members of the other intellectual professions — engineers, architects, lawyers, writers, — are in a bad way. Most of them would be very happy to have the same security and opportunities offered to doctors.

D. B.

Tel Aviv, May 21.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Let me tell you something about the working hours of Kupat Holim doctors, with reference to the statement by the Kupat Holim Directorate published in *The Jerusalem Post* of May 20.

I came here for a year to work as a house physician in a Kupat Holim maternity hospital. I had to be on duty 24 hours a day for ten days a month, and for 14 more days each month. I was under the obligation to remain in the hospital all day, working eight hours or more. I was free six to seven days a month. A member of the Directorate told me that all house physicians work the same number of hours in Kupat Holim institutions. I never received extra pay for "special roster duty after hours."

I might add that I have worked in other countries but nowhere are working conditions so difficult for a house physician as in Israel.

Yours, etc.,

BORIS BLANK, M.D.

Hadera, May 20.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It must be very disappointing and discouraging for our doctors that no moral support for their just cause has been forthcoming from their patients.

I had to undergo treatment in several departments of Kupat Holim, and it is with deep gratitude that I write these lines. When it seemed that I was afflicted with a serious illness, not only was swift and efficient help given me, but also true kindness and understanding were shown.

I wonder if our doctors will be able to continue to give that human touch, so necessary for the patient's peace of mind, if they are constantly burdened by financial troubles.

Yours, etc.,

K. HALLEB

Haifa, May 23.

BRITISH LEGION TEL AVIV BRANCH

NOTICE No. 8

Members wishing to participate at the cornerstone-laying of the British Legion Shikun, which is to be named RAMAT BENYAMIN in honour of the distinguished Commanding Officer of the Jewish Brigade Group, are asked to submit their names to the Hon. Secretary at Cafe "Frack," 131 Rehov Dizengoff, Tel Aviv, on Sundays and Wednesdays from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. We trust that all members will endeavour to attend the ceremony.

L.B. PASHER
Hon. Secretary.

KEEPING POSTED

MR. Oscar Gass, like many of the visiting, hotel-staying experts, thinks we are all a pack of spend-thrifts. It is said that just before he left Israel a few days ago his telephone rang and when he picked up the receiver a quiet little voice said "You are all wrong about the standard of living. My wife and I live, and get enough to eat, on one pound and 400 pruta a week." "A pound 400 [illegible]" echoed

the economist. "I can't believe it! Tell me how you manage. And please speak a little louder. I don't hear you very well." "I can't speak any louder," came the answer, "I am a goldfish."

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IT is true that restaurant food has improved out of all recognition as to variety and standard of cooking over the past year, but servings are still pretty small in reasonable priced establishments. A man we know who has a healthy appetite tells us that he ordered some chicken at a resturant recently, and told the owner that he didn't want to get nothing but skin, like the last time. "What," said the owner, "weren't there any bones?"

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HAIFA is a very up-and-coming town nowadays and, unlike everywhere else in Israel people do what they are told there. We were waiting at an empty crossing in Haifa for the green "GO" sign to light up (in Tel Aviv we of course just wait for a lull between cars to slip across), and noticed a woman take her two children by their hands and say "now, quick — see what it says there!" True enough, just under the "GO" sign is another notice, which says "Go quickly!"

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HAVE you been feeling the heat? Last week two small emigrants left the country because they simply could not take it any longer. Surprisingly, they are the two surviving chimpanzees of a party of four that arrived from the Belgian Congo just before Passover. The other two have already died, apparently because the Tel Aviv air does not suit them. They left Lydda for California, via London and New York, by El Al, in a box bearing a touching appeal — "We are two chimpanzees and always thirsty, please don't forget us. If you can, please buy us two apples in London." If that appeal failed to produce two apples from the airport staff in London the place has changed since the days when it was forbidden to take dogs on the underground railways, not because they got in the way, but because they were likely to suffer mental anguish.

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A member of the staff of this newspaper called the Fire Department in Jerusalem for information on the number of fires that had occurred on a particularly fierce *sharav* day. She dialled 2222 for the Fire Brigade, and when she explained what she wanted the man at the other end of the line advised her to try 2122, which is the Fires Department. She dialled again straight away, and to her surprise the same voice answered, saying before she had time to ask her question again "Hold on, I am looking for the file you want."

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SABRAS are said to have a healthy—sometimes even excessive — disregard of authority. A correspondent writes that he was sitting in an army canteen with a young sergeant. This man is very restful to be with because he is totally unconcerned with all the troubles of the world beyond the boundaries, at most, of the Arab states, because, as he says, all those people abroad are crazy in any case, and therefore nothing worries him. To his surprise the sergeant seemed to shrink away into his shirt and even his unruly hair appeared to lose some of its verve and curliness as two men passed, the R.S.M. and a harmless looking officer with [illegible]sses. "There goes the only man I'm afraid of", said the

sergeant. "Who?, the sergeant major?", our man asked. "No", he's got nothing on me", the sergeant said. "But the other man's our dentist and I should have gone to him today."

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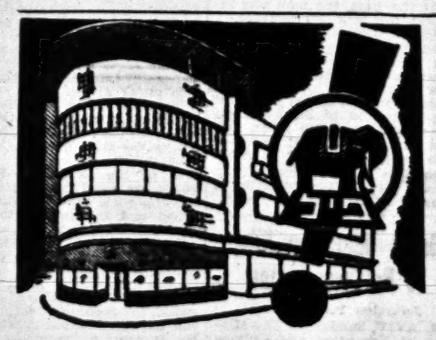

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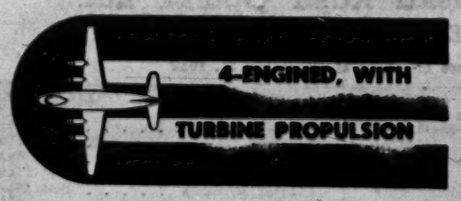

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